

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: MAY 26, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
VANSELOW
BROCK
SIMPSON

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS KENNY
MONROE
SEEBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

MARCY FLORES, FIRST ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
MARK SAGER, SUPERVISOR, PROBATION OFFICE
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

Mr. Dickinson called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:18 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanselow, seconded by Mr. Simpson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Criminal Justice Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, *First Assistant Public Defender*, who distributed copies of the Public Defender Agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the Agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the Agenda review, Ms. Flores presented a request to authorize extension of the contract between Warren County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legals Services (NYS OILS) for a six-month period. She explained the contract would expire at the end of May, but noted that the contract term had started six months late. Ms. Flores advised NYS OILS was willing to extend the contract for six months to compensate for the late start and to allow for the expenditure of funds that had not yet been used.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanselow, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Next, Ms. Flores presented requests to fill the vacant position of First Assistant Public Defender, due to her promotion to the Public Defender effective July 1st, as well as to fill any vacancies created by promotion. She said she intended to promote from within to fill the vacancy, as well as the other vacancies that would be created in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Assistant Public Defender positions due to promotion. Ms. Flores pointed out that at the present time she was requesting permission to fill the First, Second, Third and Fourth Assistant Public Defender positions; she advised that at the direction of Paul Dusek, *County Administrator*, she was delaying the request to fill the 5th Assistant Public Defender position for one month.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the requests to fill the First, Second, Third and Fourth Assistant Public Defender positions and to refer same to the Personnel Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position Forms are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Ms. Flores advised next month she would present the Committee with requests to fill the vacant Fifth Assistant Public Defender position, as well as to create a new position of Sixth Assistant Public Defender, which would be fully funded by NYS OILS grant monies.

This concluded the review of the Public Defender Agenda; privilege of the floor was extended to Mark Sager, *Supervisor - Probation Office*, who distributed copies of the Probation Agenda to the Committee members, a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Sager advised he had only one request to present, that being for a new contract with Walter Joseph Lashway who provided counseling services to offenders with addiction problems through the Probation Addictive Thinking Group. He advised Mr. Lashway had been providing these services for many years through Conifer Park, but as he was no longer in their employ, the Warren County Probation Office had made arrangements to fund Mr. Lashway's services using funds donated by the City of Glens Falls DWI Program. Mr. Sager confirmed that this contract would not incur any cost to the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Vanselow, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board
As typed by Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board